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TAGS: PFOR, FI, VS

SUBJ: FINLAND AND VIETNAM

1. CHARGE DURING JANUARY 10 CALL ON POLITICAL DEPT
DEPUTY DIRECTOR TORNNUDD LEFT GVN DECLARATION OF
JANUARY 3 ON DRV-PRG OFFENSIVE; EMBASSY SAIGON PAPER
ENTITLED "WHO IS VIOLATING THE PARIS AGREEMENT";
AND PAPER ON PRG AND NORTH VIETNAMESE CP BASED ON
SAIGON'S A-186 (8/29/74). CHARGE NOTED FINNISH ACTION
IN ESTABLISHING RELATIONS WITH HANOI IN 1972 WAS IN
US VIEW SERIOUS DEVIATION FROM FINNISH PRINCIPLE OF
STAYING OUT OF GREAT POWER CONFLICTS AND OF ACTING
IN EVENHANDED MATTER. CHARGE NOTED CERTAIN CIRCLES
OF FINNISH PUBLIC APPEAR TO BE PUSHING FOR NEW
ACTION IN FAVOR OF COMMUNIST SIDE IN VIET-NAM,
SUCH AS UPGRADING OF PRG INFORMATION OFFICE IN
HELSINKI. CHARGE SAID US WOULD CONSIDER SUCH A STEP
VERY REGRETTABLE NEW INSTANCE OF LACK OF EVEN-
HANDEDNESS. FURTHERMORE, WITH NORTH VIETNAM
APPARENTLY ABANDONING EFFORT FIND POLITICAL SOLUTION
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IN FAVOR OF MILITARY MEASURES, ANY ACTION NOW TO

UPGRADE PRG REPRESENTATION COULD BE VIEWED, BY
DRV, VIET CONG, AND OTHERS, AS FINNISH APPROVAL OF
MILITARY SOLUTION TO VIET-NAM PROBLEM.

2. TORNUDD SEEMED IMPRESSED WITH SERIOUSNESS OUR
CONCERN. HE ADMITTED SOME CIRCLES IN FINLAND
PRESSING GOF TO UPGRADE PRG REPRESENTATION AS RECENT-
LY DONE IN PARIS AND STOCKHOLM. HE WOULD ONLY SAY,
HOWEVER, THAT UPGRADING QUESTION IS AT VERY EARLY
STAGE OF CONSIDERATION AND THAT FINNS WOULD IN ANY
CASE NOT GO BEYOND WHAT SWedes AND FRENCH HAVE
ALREADY DONE.

3. ALSO ON JANUARY 10 USIS MAILED FINNISH LANGUAGE
PRESS RELEASE TO 250 NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES WHICH
INCORPORATED FIRST TWO DOCUMENTS HANDED TO TORNUDD
(WHO ALSO RECEIVED COPY OF USIS RELEASE).
USIS FOLLOWING UP THIS WEEK WITH SELECTIVE MAILINGS
TO MPS, ACADEMICS AND TARGET GROUP LEADERS.

4. EMBASSY LABOR OFFICER MAILED COPIES OF USIS
RELEASE TO KEY OFFICIALS IN FINNISH TRADE UNION
CONFEDERATION (SAK), FEDERATION OF CIVIL SERVANTS
AND SALARIED EMPLOYEES (TVK), AND METALWORKERS'
UNION. HE WILL FOLLOW UP PERSONALLY IN NEXT FEW
DAYS AS APPROPRIATE.

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